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ORDINANCE NO. 91-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAPELAND,
HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE POSITION
OF FIRE MARSHAL AND PROVIDING FOR THE
POWERS, RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF SUCH POSITION

WHEREAS, because of the present conditions prevailing within the City of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas and the general welfare which require that the position of Fire Marshal be created;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAPELAND, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE:

The City Council of the City of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas shall appoint a Fire Marshal to serve the City for a term of one (1) year, unless earlier terminated by vote of the City Council.

SECTION TWO:

Any individual serving as Fire Marshal shall be a peace officer under the provisions of Article 2.12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas.

SECTION THREE:

The position of Fire Marshal shall have the following powers, rights and duties:

a. to inspect any public building, including, but not limited to schools, churches and local, state and federal government buildings for the purpose of ascertaining if a fire hazard exists therein or if such private property complies with any codes or requirements promulgated by the City of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas;;

b. to inspect any private property, upon request of the owner or upon obtaining proper search warrant, to ascertain if a fire hazard exists or if such private property complies with any codes or requirements promulgated by the City of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas;

c. to render aid to the Volunteer Fire Department of the City of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas in emergencies;

d. to investigate crimes involving arson, destruction of public or private property, damages to or loss of human life or such similar crimes upon the request of the City Council or Police Chief of the City of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas;

e. to maintain the peace and to assist any other peace officer in the line of duty.


SECTION FOUR:

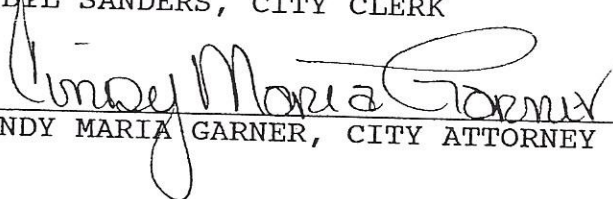
For the general welfare and as the necessity for creation of the position of Fire Marshal demands the prompt attention of the Council, this ordinance is effective upon its passage by the City Council of the City of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 17th day of May, 1991.


CALVIN SKIDMORE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SYBIL SANDERS, CITY CLERK


CINDY MARIA GARNER, CITY ATTORNEY